

JWC

As I remember my  
discussions with you  
about this and your  
memo of 28 Oct. Clearly  
the initiative was  
left with Mr.

I have heard nothing  
further and suggest we  
let the matter drop.  
However, I will be  
glad to contact him if  
you feel we should.

25 JAN 1972

24 January 1972

Mr.

Mr. Coffey asked me to check with you on the attached and find out if indeed the initiative was left with the man and that you have heard no more about this.

Miriam

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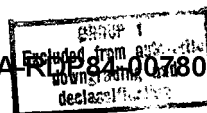
## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Prayer Breakfasts

1. On 21 October I met with [ ] who had written to the Director recommending that the prayer breakfast program be instituted in the Agency and asking that the Director meet with him to discuss such a program. Mr. Colby had sent this paper to us with the request that we react to the basic proposal and also that we set up an appointment for [ ] to see Mr. Colby. In meeting with [ ] we had the intention of providing a seventh floor type reaction to his memo to the Director and also the desire to learn a little bit more about what he had in mind and to suggest some practical limitations which seem to obtain here in contrast to some of the other places where the movement is pretty well entrenched.

2. It turned out that by his own very readily volunteered statement that [ ] himself had little real background in the organization and running of a prayer breakfast program. He had attended a number of such breakfasts and had been greatly impressed with the spiritual benefit and also with the numbers and types of people who are involved in such movements in the Washington area. [ ] is also a member of a group at his own church which is involved in a very rewarding Bible study effort and this experience has similarly stimulated him to believe that the prayer breakfast would be a very helpful thing at the Agency Headquarters.

3. We talked somewhat about the limitations that we have in terms of availability of appropriate space and also of the practical considerations which seem to require some attention such as the staggered opening hours at the Headquarters Building. [ ] agreed that very likely it would

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be necessary to set up such a program on the basis of a seven o'clock a. m. starting time in order to insure that the program each time is completed without interfering with work hours. Although he would favor a weekly program, he also agreed that it might well make more sense to start off on a less frequent schedule in order to determine the extent of sustained interest in the Headquarters area for this activity. As to location, we mentioned the possibility that the members might obtain food in the regular morning cafeteria line and carry it into the North Cafeteria to eat and to hold their prayer session. He suggested that it would also be satisfactory to use the balcony area in the South Cafeteria if the North Cafeteria proved to be too awkward. He also anticipates that a population of 20-25 per gathering would probably be pretty ideal.

X1 4. After some additional discussion, it was agreed that we really did not have enough background on the organization and management of a prayer breakfast activity and [ ] undertook to contact a [ ] 25X who is involved in this activity pretty much full time as I understand it. I offered to meet with him and [ ] should this appear to be desirable. X1 [ ] left I believe satisfied that his idea was not rejected out of hand, X1 but also understanding that it had not gained approval. He mentioned by the way that Representative Albert H. Quie of Minnesota was a major leader in the movement and also that it appeared that the strength of the movement in the Congress might indicate some potential political value to the Agency on the Hill if a prayer breakfast group in fact did exist out here.

5. I subsequently advised Mr. Colby that I had met with [ ] 25X in order to take this matter at least temporarily off of his shoulders. He seemed gratified particularly in learning that [ ] went away seemingly 25X happy and satisfied.

[ ] 25X

John W. Coffey  
Deputy Director  
for Support

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The GSI Cafeteria manager says that he cannot serve earlier than 0730 hrs because of the bus system used to bring GSI employees to work.

The Cafeteria normally opens at 0730 hrs.

The Rendezvous Room probably could not be made available because of the clean-up problem.

The balcony of South Cafeteria is a possibility, but the clean-up might cause some difficulty.

The GSI manager suggests that he could easily serve in North Cafeteria at 0730 hrs and the Prayer Group could be done after.

for a few GSI employees  
who usually eat  
breakfast in the North  
Cafeteria. This sounds  
like the best solution to  
me. It is the most  
economical for GSF and  
I believe we should try  
to cooperate as much  
as possible on some-  
thing like this.


Under normal conditions,  
only the ground floor  
of South Cafeteria is open  
for breakfast. The  
balcony and North  
Cafeteria are closed —

Leo

Mr. 

10-28-71

Mr. Coffey asks if you would please find out the hours of the cafeteria opening in the morning and also confirm that the South Cafeteria alone is open in the morning.

Also, please notice the suggestion made by Mr.  in para 3 of the attached memo that the balcony might possibly be used for this purpose - would the balcony in fact be available should it prove to be most convenient for this kind of program?



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NOTE FOR: Mr. Coffey  
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[ ] says that he does not recall any previous request for a prayer breakfast. He said that EAA is currently considering the sponsorship of a Bible Class, based on a suggestion from EAA members.

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[ ] says that there should be no difficulty in arranging for GSI to serve in the Rendezvous Room. It seats about 140 and, at least initially, should be a very desirable location for such an event.

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We have made an appointment with Mr [ ] for 1645 hours today, 21 October.

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[ ]

*20-25*

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JWC -

I react favorably to the possibility and suggest it should be handled administratively by EAA.

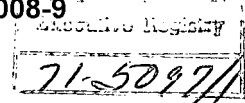
The only minor problem would be security approval for the guest speaker who would enter the Headquarters building and be exposed to Agency employees.

Perhaps you would like to talk with Mr. [redacted] before Mr. Parker speaks with him. His phone extension is [redacted]

See [redacted] 10-15-71  
[redacted] member

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

Jack:

STAT Mr. [ ] Please note the attached suggestion from that we organize prayer breakfasts here in the Agency. I raised this matter with the Director and suggested that we let someone, such as myself, interview Mr. [ ] and work out a few of the specifics of his idea. I further suggested that we keep any such venture on a fairly informal basis and not let it become a major formal operation. The Director concurred.

Would you please (a) give me any thoughts you may have on this and (b) arrange for Mr. [ ] to have an interview with me.

[ ]  
William E. Colby

Attachment

7/- 5097

7 October 1971

Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Sir:

Within the last year I have had the good fortune to become involved with the prayer breakfast movement and I have benefited greatly from the Christian fellowship provided. Richard Buress, a presidential assistant active in the White House prayer breakfasts recently spoke at our church men's group and I was amazed to learn that there are weekly prayer breakfasts at the White House and in the Senate and House of Representatives. The Pentagon has a number of prayer breakfast groups and Secretary Laird has set aside a room where people may go for quiet meditation. There are thousands of leaders of government and industry participating in prayer breakfasts.

I think it would be of great benefit to officers of this agency if this type of fellowship could be made available at the agency. The Christian spirit which pervades these short gatherings carries through the day and week and effects not only the participants but those they come in contact with at work and at home. I would like to make an appointment with you to provide additional details and to discuss implementation of a prayer breakfast at the agency.

Sincerely,



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